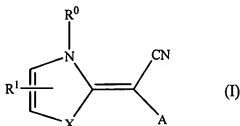


# IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ An azole derivative according to formula (I),



~~as well as its tautomers, its a tautomer thereof, a geometrical isomers, its isomer thereof, an~~ optically active forms form thereof as enantiomers an enantiomer thereof, a diastereomers a diastereomer thereof, and its a racemate forms form thereof, ~~as well as or a~~ pharmaceutically acceptable salts salt thereof, wherein

X is O, S or NR<sup>0</sup>;

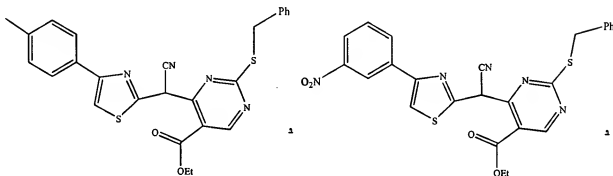
A is a 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, a pyridazinyl, a pyrimidinyl, a pyrazinyl or a triazinyl group wherein each group may be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 moieties R<sup>2</sup> and/or fused with an aryl or a heteroaryl group;

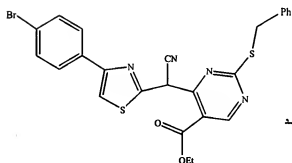
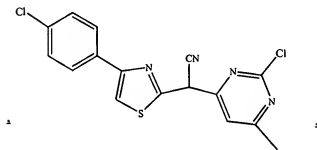
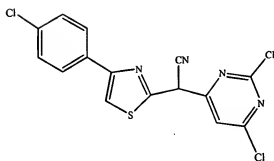
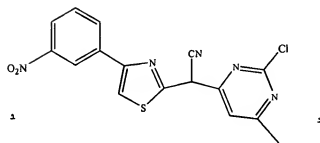
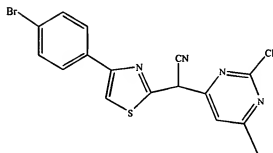
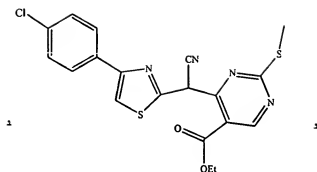
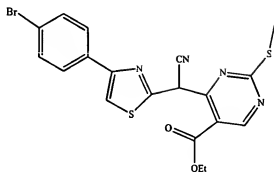
R<sup>0</sup> is selected from the group ~~comprising or~~ consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl-aryl, aryl, ~~or~~ heteroaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl-heteroaryl, -C(O)-OR<sup>5</sup>, -C(O)-R<sup>5</sup>, -C(O)-NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>5'</sup>, ~~and~~ -(SO<sub>2</sub>)R<sup>5</sup>, ~~with wherein~~ R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>5'</sup>, being independently selected from the group ~~comprising or~~ consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl aryl, ~~or~~ and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl heteroaryl;

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group ~~comprising or~~ consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-sulfanyl, primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups, aminoacyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfinyl, sulfonyl, sulfonamide ~~or~~ and hydrazide;

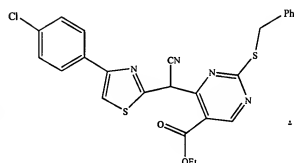
$R^2$  is selected from the group ~~comprising or~~ consisting of hydrogen, sulfonyl, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl, and  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl chains may be interrupted by a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of N, O, ~~or~~ S, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, and heterocycloalkyl, wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl groups may be fused with 1-2 further cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group, an acyl moiety,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl heteroaryl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl heteroaryl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl aryl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl heteroaryl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl heterocycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl heterocycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl carboxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl acyl, aryl acyl, heteroaryl acyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ -(hetero)cycloalkyl acyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl acyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl acylamino, acylamino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl ureido,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl carbamate,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl ammonium,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl sulfonyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl sulfonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl sulfanyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl sulfonylamino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl aminosulfonyl, hydroxy or halogen,

~~with the proviso that~~ wherein the following compounds are excluded:





and



Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to claim 1 wherein A is a pyrimidinyl group.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein  $R^0$  is hydrogen.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein X is S.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein  $R^2$  is  $-NHR^4$ , with  $R^4$  being a straight or branched  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl which may be substituted by  $C_3$ - $C_8$ -cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, alkoxycarbonyl, acylamino, or diacylamino.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to claim 5 wherein  $R^4$  is a straight or branched  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkyl group substituted with a heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl group.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to claim 6 wherein said heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl group is selected from the group consisting of a pyridyl, triazolyl ~~or~~ and 2-pyrrolidinone.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein  $R^1$  is  $(C_3$ - $C_8)$ -cycloalkyl,  $(C_3$ - $C_8)$ -heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group which may be substituted with at least one moiety selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -sulfanyl, primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups, acylamino, aminocarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  heterocycloalkyl, aryl,

heteroaryl, carboxy, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfinyl, sulfonyl, sulfonamide or and hydrazide.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to claim 8 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a phenyl or phenyl which is substituted by straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or halogen or R<sup>1</sup> is a straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, ~~including methyl, ethyl, propyl isopropyl, t-butyl.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group which may be substituted with at least one moiety selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-sulfinyl, primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups, aminoacyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> heterocycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfinyl, sulfonyl, sulfonamide or and hydrazide, ~~X is as above defined,~~ A is a pyrimidinyl group which may be substituted by halogen or -NHR<sup>4</sup> with R<sup>4</sup> being a straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl in which said alkyl is substituted with C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group substituted with a heteroaryl group and R<sup>0</sup> is hydrogen.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~Azole derivatives~~ The azole derivative according to claim 10 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a phenyl group which may be substituted with straight or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or halogen, X is S, A is a pyrimidinyl group which may be substituted by -NHR<sup>4</sup> with R<sup>4</sup> being a straight or branched C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl ~~in which~~ wherein said alkyl is substituted with a pyridyl group and R<sup>0</sup> is hydrogen.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An azole derivative according to ~~any of the~~  
preceding claims claim 1, selected in from the group consisting of

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)-(4-ethyl-3H-thiazol-2-ylidene)-acetonitrile,  
[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile  
ethyl-2-[(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(cyano)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-  
carboxylate,  
methyl-2-[(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(cyano)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-  
carboxylate,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,  
(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene]acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,  
(4-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-2-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-  
2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
4-{2-[(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(cyano)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-  
yl}benzonitrile,  
[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,  
(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-isopropyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene]acetonitrile,  
(4-chloro-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-chloro-6-(dimethylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-chloro-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloro-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-chloro-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(2-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
{2-chloro-6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(4-chloro-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}{4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene}acetonitrile,

(2-[[2-(6-aminopyridin-3-yl)ethyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}{4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene}acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}{4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene}acetonitrile,

ethyl-2-[cyano(2-[[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

2-[cyano(2-[[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylic acid,

methyl-2-[cyano(2-[[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,



methyl-2-(cyano {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} methylene)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

4-[2-({4-[cyano(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]benzenesulfonamide,

[4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene] {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

(2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene) {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,

[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene] {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,

[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene] (2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

methyl 4-[2-({4-[cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]benzoate,

6-{{2-({4-[cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl}amino}nicotinonitrile,

[2-({2-{{6-(dimethylamino)pyridin-3-yl}ethyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

4- [2-( {4-[cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl} amino)ethyl]benzenesulfonamide,  
(2- {2-(4-aminophenyl)ethyl} amino) pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2- {2-(6-morpholin-4-yl)pyridin-3-yl}ethyl] amino} pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3 H)-ylidene)[2-( {2-[6-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl} amino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,  
[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene] {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,  
[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2- {3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl} amino) pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene] {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,  
[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2- {3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl} amino) pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene) {5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,  
(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(5-methyl-2- {3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl} amino} pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,  
[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene) {2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,

2-({2-({(5-nitropyridin-2-yl)amino)ethyl}amino)pyrimidin-4-yl}[(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile],

6-{{2-({4-[cyano(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl}amino}nicotinonitrile,

tert-butyl 4-({4-[cyano(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)butanoate,

[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-{{(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino}pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

[4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene](2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-aminopropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

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{2-[(piperidin-4-yl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

methyl N-{4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}-beta-alaninate,

(2-[(3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)[4-(pentafluoroethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

{5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(5-methyl-2-[(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-[[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-[[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

N-[3-((4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl)amino)propyl]-2-ethoxy-N-glycoloylacetamide,

N-[3-((4-[cyano(4-isopropyl 1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl)amino)propyl]-2-ethoxy-N-glycoloylacetamide,

[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)[2-(isobutylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-[[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-isopropyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-[[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino]pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-isopropyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-isopropyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

methyl 4-({4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)butanoate,

4-{2-[cyano(2-{{2-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino)pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-yl} benzonitrile,

4-[2-(cyano {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}methylene)-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]benzonitrile,

4-(2-{cyano[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl)methylene]-2,3-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-4-yl}benzonitrile,

[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-{ [3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene] {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,

[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene] {2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl} acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl][4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]acetonitrile,

[4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,

N-[3-({4-[cyano(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)propyl]acetamide,

N-[2-({4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino)ethyl]acetamide,

{2-[(1-acetyl)piperidin-4-yl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[3-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(2-{[3-(2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[1-(methylsulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile trifluoroacetate,

N~3~{4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}-N~1~,N~1~-dimethyl-beta-alaninamide,

N-{3-{4-[(4-tert-butyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}(methyl)amino}propyl}acetamide,

N-[3-{4-[(4-tert-butyl-3-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(cyano)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}amino}propyl]acetamide,

(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{[4-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)benzyl]oxy}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

{2-[3-(dimethylamino)propoxy]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-ethyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{5-methyl-2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

[4-(dimethylamino)-6-(octahydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclohexylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
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[4-(methylamino)-6-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-(cyclohexylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[5-methyl-2-(4-methylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[2-(cyclopentylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
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[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[5-methyl-2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[6-[(2-furylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,



[6-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,  
[2-(cyclopentylamino)-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[2-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-(cyclopentylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-(cyclopropylamino)-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-(cyclopropylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[4-(cyclopropylamino)-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
[2-(1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

- : (5-methyl-2-{{3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-  
thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1,4-dimethylpentyl)amino]-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-  
2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(5-methyl-2-{{2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-  
2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{{3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl}amino}  
pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)(2-{{2-(1H-pyrazol-1-  
yl)ethyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile,

[2-(dipropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1,4-dimethylpentyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(methylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[4-[(1,4-dimethylpentyl)amino]-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-phenyl-1,3-  
thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[4-{{{6-aminopyridin-3-yl)methyl}amino}-6-(methylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl](4-  
methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(methylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-  
ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(2,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

{6-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

[2-(isopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,  
{2-[(1,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene){2-[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile,

{2-[(1-ethylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-[(3-butoxypropyl)amino]-6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{4-[(3-butoxypropyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

{2-(isopropylamino)-6-[methyl(phenyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,

~~{2-[(3-isopropoxypropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene)acetonitrile,~~  
~~[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile,~~  
~~[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene][2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile, and~~  
~~[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene]{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-5-yl]acetonitrile.~~

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~[[An]] A medicament comprising the azole derivative according to claim 1. any of claims 1 to 12 for use as a medicament.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of an azole derivative according to any of claims 1 to 12 in the preparation of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment A method for treating at least one disease selected from the group consisting of neurodegenerative diseases, neuronal disorders, including epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, retinal diseases, spinal cord injury, head trauma, mood disorders, particularly bipolar mood disorders, multiple sclerosis or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, diabetes, particularly type 11 diabetes and obesity, asthma, septic shock, transplant rejection, cerebrovascular accident, glaucoma, cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, arteriosclerosis, myocardial infarction, myocardial reperfusion injury, ischemic disorders, cancer and inflammatory diseases, including arteriosclerosis, arthritis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease [[or]] and rheumatoid arthritis, said method comprising administering said azole derivative according to claim 1 to a patient in need thereof in an amount sufficient to treat said at least one disease.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of an azole derivative~~ The method according to claim 14 wherein said at least one disease is diseases are selected from the group consisting of epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, retinal diseases, spinal cord injury, head trauma, multiple sclerosis ~~or~~ and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of an azole derivative~~ The method according to claim 14 wherein said at least one disease is diseases are diabetes, particularly type II diabetes ~~and/or~~ or obesity.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of a compound~~ The method according to claim 14 wherein said at least one disease is diseases are selected from the group consisting of asthma, septic shock, transplant rejection, cerebrovascular accident, glaucoma, cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, arteriosclerosis, myocardial infarction, myocardial reperfusion injury, ischemia, cancer, and inflammatory diseases, including atherosclerosis, arthritis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease ~~or~~ and rheumatoid arthritis.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~An azole derivative according to any of claims 1 to 12 in the preparation of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of a disease which is~~ A method of treating a disease mediated by a protein kinase, said method comprising administering said azole derivative according to claim 1 to a patient in need thereof in an amount sufficient to treat said disease.

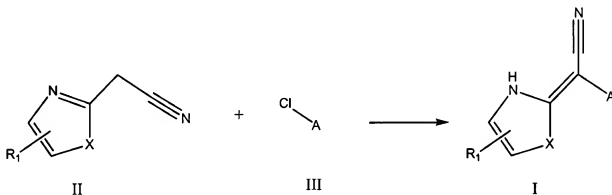
Claim 19 (Currently Amended): ~~An azole derivative~~ The method according to claim 18 wherein said protein kinase is a c-Jun Kinase.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): Use The method according to claim 18 wherein said protein kinase is a Glycogen Synthase Kinase 3.

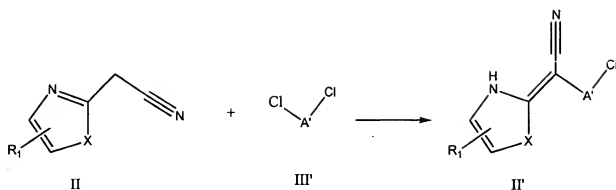
Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition ~~containing~~ comprising at least one azole derivative according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient ~~thereof~~.

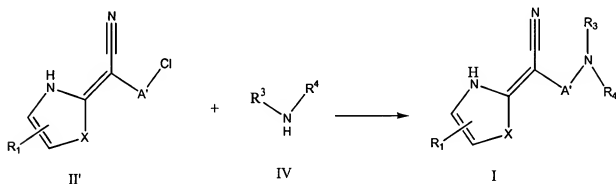
Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing ~~an the~~ azole derivative of ~~formula (I)~~ according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, comprising reacting the compound of formula II with the compound of formula III; the following step:



Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing ~~an the~~ azole derivative of ~~formula (I)~~ according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, comprising reacting the compound of formula II with the compound of formula III' to obtain a compound of formula II'; and  
the following steps:



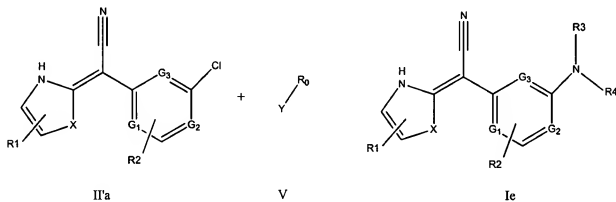
reacting the compound of formula II' with the compound of formula IV:



[A' = A'a, A'b, A'c, A'd]

wherein A is a pyrimidinyl group and X and R<sup>1</sup> are as above defined.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing ~~an~~ the azole derivative of ~~formula (I)~~ according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, comprising reacting a compound of formula II'a with a compound of formula V the following step:



wherein A is a pyrimidinyl group,  $R^0$ ,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are as above defined and Y is an electrophile group.

Claim 26 (New): The method according to Claim 16, wherein said at least one disease is diabetes and is type II diabetes.